

A CITY in A PARK



Little Rock Parks & Recreation Newsletter

May 2016

Director's Message

This past month our Little Rock Parks and Recreation Staff, along with the other City of Little Rock departments, took time to acknowledge many hardworking, standout employees. Every spring, one employee from each department is chosen by their peers as their Department's Employee of the Year. These individuals are dedicated to the success of the city. They are team players and often go above and beyond their normal to-do list. We have honored many employees throughout the years and it never gets old celebrating their achievements.

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate Grant Morris for being chosen as our 2016 Little Rock Parks and Recreation Employee of the Year. Grant has been with us since 2008 and he is a vital part of our staff. He goes beyond the call of duty as Administrative Technician...answering questions, lending a helping hand, keeping records and stats, and is often a lifesaver when someone in the office has a technology question!

Congrats again, Grant!

Calling all golfers! Later this month, our Little Rock Parks Recreation Commission will host a 4-person golf scramble to benefit our Summer Playground Program. The event will be Saturday, May 21 at Hindman Golf Course and is open to anyone who likes to putt around for a good cause! I invite you all to come out and play or watch...should be a good time for all.

The first of May kicked off our online registration for the Summer Playground Program. We are so excited to be entering our 96th year of the program where kids are educated through fun! Once again, the staff has lots of great activities planned for these youth in the summer months.

Take a moment this month to visit one of our parks. Play a game of catch. Take a stroll. You won't regret it. After all...life is meant to be lived...not tolerated!

See you at the park,

Truman Tolefree



Day of Service

The weather is prime for spring cleaning and outside projects! We welcomed more than 100 Central Arkansas Christian School students to our facilities on April 27 for their annual Day of Service. Tasks included sweeping, washing windows, pulling weeds, planting grass, cleaning pavilions and litter pick-up. Thank you again to the staff and students who came out and gave of your time and energy!



Our Junior Park Ranger Program is gearing up for the 2016 Summer season!



Visit www.lrpr.org or call Karen at 501-371-6844 for more information!

War Memorial Golf Course is scheduled to close May 9 and reopen around August 12. The practice putting green and #1 green will be reconfigured. Other greens will have some surface work done to soften some of the slopes. This work will take three to four weeks before we are prepared to sprig the Champion Dwarf Bermuda. The grow-in of the grass will take about seven weeks. We thank you for your patience and we invite you to come play at one of our other great golf courses: Rebsamen and Hindman!



Little Rock Parks & Recreation Director Truman Tolefree with Parks Employee of the Year Grant Morris, his wife Lauren Morris and father Wayne Morris gather for a picture at the Employee of the Year Awards Ceremony at City Hall.

Mark Your Calendar!

May—National Barbecue Month National Bike Month

- 6—Therapeutic Recreation Arts Festival @
Clear Channel Metroplex 10:00
- 6— MacArthur park 5k and Dog Jog
- 8— Mother's Day
- 19—FREE Student Health Fair @ Stephens Community
Center 3:00-6:00
- 21—Dragon Boat Festival
- 21—Little Rock Parks & Recreation Commission
Golf Scramble at Hindman Golf Course
- 25—Little Rock Parks & Recreation Volunteer
Appreciation Luncheon and Awards
- 30—Memorial Day (HOLIDAY)



Drain Smart 2016 is underway!

Above, artists work on their storm drain on Center Street. Artists will be painting 18 drains this Spring to raise awareness of water preservation.

More info at www.drain-smart.org



We offer lots of fun activities in our Aging and Active program. Ceramics, cards and bingo are some of the most popular activities!

Happy May Birthday to these Little Rock Parks & Recreation staff members:

Harrison Cush-6
Richard Hawkins-6
Marilyn Mason-10
Selandria Jackson-11
Robert Stevens-12
Stephen Moore-15
Ed Dreher-15
Jimmy Harmon-17
Mark Trammel-25
Jesse Lawson-29

Contact Us

Give us a call, send an email or visit our offices at City Hall. We welcome your comments!

Little Rock Parks & Recreation
500 West Markham St.
Little Rock, AR 72201

(501) 371-4770

Visit us on the web www.lrpr.org

Like us!
www.facebook.com/lrparksrec

Follow us!
Twitter: @lrparksrec

Be our friend!
Instagram: LittleRockParksAndRec